



FROM AGES 2 to 3, children:

- Learn to notice more how others feel.
- May be stubborn and have temper tantrums.
- May enjoy being around other children.
- May like to jump, hop, roll and climb.
- Do a lot of pretend play.
- Learn lots of new words.
- Put together two, three and four word sentences.



AT THIS AGE, children need the chance to:

- Learn more and more words. Use books, games, art and music.
- Try to do things for themselves, like getting dressed.
- Draw with crayons and work puzzles.
- Build things and pretend.
- Play with other children. Learn to listen and take turns.
- Play, jump and run.

AT THIS AGE, children need the chance to:



- Do puzzles, paint and scribble.
- Do more things for themselves, such as putting on clothing.

- Sing, talk and learn more words.
- Play with other children.
- Go to the park, library, beaches, zoo or go to other interesting places.



2 to 4 YEARS OLD

LEARNING STARTS EARLY

What to expect when a child is 2-4 years old and how you can help a child grow and learn

CHILDREN ALSO:



- Enjoy new experiences.
- Start to get dressed. May need help with shoelaces and buttons.
- May start to have fears ("Mommy, there's a monster under my bed.")
- May have imaginary friends.
- Like to run, skip, jump with both feet, catch a ball, and be active.
- Start to speak in complete sentences.
- Have more control over hand and arm muscles.
- Try out different ways to move his or her body.



FROM AGES 3 to 4, children:

- Start to play with other children.
- Are more likely to take turns and share.
- Are friendly and giving.
- Start to understand that other people have feelings and rights.
- Like silly humor, riddles and jokes.
- Like to please and be like others.

TIPS to remember:

GIVE CHILDREN love and attention.

- Read, sing and talk each day.
- Meet children's needs right away.
- Hold your baby often.
- Answer your baby's cries and your child's questions.

MAKE SAFE PLAY areas for children.

- Give children time to run, jump and dance.
- Let children do art, or play with blocks and puzzles.
- Give children a chance to do things on their own.

IT IS ALSO good to:

- Set up times to play with other children.
- Let children have a few choices.
- Be a kind and caring example.